

**ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #12**  
**LEAVES OF ABSENCE, HOLIDAYS, AND BOARD RULES**

A. Leaves of Absence

Leaves of absence are classified as follows:

1. Leave of absence with pay
2. Leave of absence without pay
3. Un-authorized leave of absence without pay
4. Administrative leave  
The appointing authority may grant administrative leave with pay for periods not to exceed thirty (30) days when circumstances develop that would warrant the removal of an employee from the department without disadvantage in order for the appointing authority to conduct an investigation concerning the conduct of the employee. This period may not be extended beyond thirty (30) days without approval of the civil service board.

B. Sick leave:

1. Each employee of the classified service shall be entitled to and given, with full pay, sick leave aggregating not less than fifty- two (52) weeks during any calendar year for any sickness or injury or incapacity not brought about by his/her own negligence or culpable indiscretion. Any employee of the classified service who draws such full pay during sick leave shall have such pay decreased by the amount of workman's compensation benefits actually received by such employee. Classification of leave of absence for the forementioned will be "Leave of Absence With Pay."
2. Sick leave shall not be used for absences incurred because of attendance to personal affairs. Any employee on sick leave is required to diligently pursue full recovery and any activity which is contrary to this endeavor may be the basis for disciplinary action which could include termination.
3. When an employee of the classified service is ill and cannot report for duty, it is his/her responsibility to notify the supervisor or the person designated by the chief of the department not later than one (1) hour prior to the start of the assigned duty period. Failure to call within one (1) hour after shift change will result in the forfeit of pay, as it is classified as "unauthorized leave of absence without pay" and may result in disciplinary action.
4. Sick leave is applicable to maternity claims. Maternity leave commences when a doctor certifies that the employee cannot perform all of the duties of her

position and light duty within her classification is not available.

5. No cash payment may be made for accumulated sick leave. Should any illness last longer than three (3) calendar days, the employee is required to submit a doctor's certificate indicating the illness or condition which justified his absence, as well as the probable duration of the illness. For failure to produce a doctor's certificate for any illness over three (3) days, the employee will be classified as "unauthorized leave of absence without pay. "Should any employee of the classified service abnormally absent himself/herself before or after his/her scheduled days off, or at any other time, he/she will be required to submit a doctor's certificate should the absence be for only one (1) calendar day.

C. Funeral Leave

1. An employee's immediate family is defined to consist of parents, spouse, brother or sister, grandparents, children, grandchildren, and step-children.
2. Funeral leave in the event of an immediate family death shall be authorized without loss of pay or leave time not to exceed one (1) day, except in extenuating circumstances endorsed by the employee's chief. Funeral leave is authorized for the specific purpose of attending the funeral of the deceased family member.
3. If an employee of the classified service has a death in his/her immediate family and cannot report for duty, it is his/her responsibility to notify the supervisor or the person designated by the chief of the department not later than two (2) hours before he is scheduled to report to duty.

D. Examinations

Each employee of the classified service shall be granted "leave of absence without pay" to take any local municipal fire and police civil service examination.

E. School Leave or Training Leave

Any employee may request to go to classes or training approved by the Chief in advance. A certificate showing completion of the school has to be presented to the Chief of the department when they return to duty. The employee shall receive "leave with pay" while attending the classes or training.



## F. Civil Leave

Absence because of jury duty is "leave of absence with pay." However, the jury notice must be presented to the chief of the department or to the person designated by the chief to receive such notice at least five (5) days in advance of such jury duty. An employee shall be granted leave of absence with pay when performing emergency or civilian duty in connection with National Defense. The Fire District will pay the difference between pay earned for the special duty and the employee's regular pay from the District.

## G. City, District Court or Civil Service Board Attendance

Attendance in city or district court on "departmental business" is with pay provided that the attendance is ordered by subpoena or other court order. Any monies received from such court attendance shall be deducted from employee's regular pay. Should any employee of the classified service be required to be in attendance in court on "departmental business", on his/her off time, such time shall be compensated at his/her normal rate of pay.

Each member of the classified service must present to the chief of the department or the person designated by him, any such notice to appear in court immediately upon serving of said subpoena. Copy of such notice shall also be sent to the board.

Each departmental member of the civil service board shall be granted "leave of absence with pay" for the duration of any civil service board meeting which the employee representative attends, or for any time required to assist with civil service examinations.

## H. Military Leave with Pay

An employee shall be authorized to take leave without loss of pay or vacation leave time when performing emergency military duty or participating in the two-week annual training duty required by membership in a reserve unit of the United States Armed Forces or the Louisiana National Guard, for a maximum of fifteen (15) days as provided by Revised Statute 42:394. Each member of the classified service shall give such notice of ordered duty at least thirty (30) days in advance to the chief of the department and this board, if known by him. Should the employee be called out on an emergency basis, he should contact his supervisor, the chief of the department, or the person designated by him to receive such notice.



### I. Military Leave without Pay

Any member of the classified service called into the Armed Forces, will be carried on military leave without pay until he returns to duty. The employee is required to notify the chief of the department or the person designated by him to receive such notice and this board when he receives such notice.

Any member of the classified service who is called into the Armed Forces will be allowed to take whatever annual leave to which he is entitled.

Provisional employees will not be granted a military leave of absence. They shall be required to resign or be dropped from service.

Any member of the classified service who is a member of the National Guard or in the Reserves of the Armed Forces, upon being ordered to active duty, shall be granted military leave without pay.

### J. Personal Time Off

Each member of the classified service may apply to the chief of the department for personal time off when such time off will not exceed two (2) days and no accumulated annual leave has been accrued. This leave is classified as "leave of absence without pay."

Any member of the classified service taking personal time off without applying for same shall be considered as "unauthorized leave of absence without pay."

### K. Annual Leave

1. Each full-time employee of the classified service after having served one (1) year, shall be entitled to an annual vacation of eighteen (18) calendar days with full pay. This vacation period shall be increased one day for each year of service over ten (10) years, up to a maximum vacation period of thirty (30) days all of which shall be with full pay. The vacation privileges herein provided for shall not be forfeited by any member of the department for any cause, nor may any cash payment be made in lieu of vacation.
2. All employee vacation schedules must be approved by the supervisor at least two (2) weeks before any vacation is to begin. A preliminary vacation schedule of all employees must be filled out and turned in no later than January 15th of each year. Employees with

the greatest departmental seniority will have priority on the scheduling, but no vacation day shall be scheduled back to back calendar days. The appointing authority has the right to regulate the time at which any employee is granted annual leave as provided in Revised Statute 33:2557.

#### L. Holidays

Each member of the classified service shall be granted "leave of absence with pay" on the following legal holidays:

1. Christmas
2. New Year's Day
3. July 4
4. Labor Day
5. Thanksgiving Day
6. Mardi Gras Day
7. Martin Luther Kings Day
8. Good Friday
9. Memorial Day
10. Christmas Eve

Should a member of the classified service work assignment be such that the employee is required to work on a legal holiday as set by this board, the employee will be paid an additional compensation of one (1) times the normal rate of pay. However, governing authorities, at their option, may grant employees time off from work for which such additional compensation would be due and payable to said employees.

#### M. Special Leave - Seniority

Special leave without pay up to thirty (30) days may be granted by the appointing authority when such leave would be in the departmental interest. Any special leave, with or without pay, exceeding thirty (30) days must first be approved by the civil service board and if approval is granted the board will determine, at that time, if departmental seniority is to be interrupted or continued.

#### N. Expiration of Leave

Any employee who fails to report for duty upon the expiration of any authorized leave, without contacting the chief of the department by telephone to explain an emergency situation, will be considered to have resigned from the departmental service on the calendar day following



leave expiration.

## O. Leave for Specialized Disaster Service Volunteer

1. Any employee who is a trained disaster volunteer of the American Red Cross may be granted leave from his regular work assignments, with pay, and without loss of seniority, annual leave, sick leave, or earned overtime or compensatory time accumulation, for any period not to exceed fifteen (15) work days in any twelve (12) month period, to participate in specialized disaster relief services for disasters designated at Level III or above in the American Red Cross Regulations and Procedures.
2. Leave may be granted upon written request of the employee to the appointing authority which shall include certification of the employee as a trained American Red Cross disaster volunteer, the nature and location of the disaster, anticipated duration of the leave, nature of services required, certification by an official of the American Red Cross that the employee's services are needed, and the identity and title of the official of the American Red Cross to whom the employee is to report.